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The Food and Drug Administration
Dept. of Health and Human Services, Rm. 1-23
12420 Parklawn Dr.
Rockville, MD 20857
October 24, 1999

Re: 99P-1340/CP 1
Petition to Have "Eternity eau de parfum" Misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May, 1999, the Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de parfum" declared misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21 CFR Sec. 740.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: 'Warning—The safety of this product has not been determined.' "

There is no warning label on the packaging of "Eternity". As the petition shows, it contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. Almost everyone I have talked with about this issue wrongfully assume fragrance products are safe to use in any setting. They are surprised when I have complained that they make me sick and when I tell them that others have had severe and life-threatening reactions to such products. We need to be protected from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems.

When I am exposed to fragrance products, such as "Eternity" I experience severe headaches, bouts of nausea, watering and burning in my eyes, constriction in my throat and coughing. Often I also have swelling, especially in my hands and feet, and itching. The severity of symptoms is somewhat lessened if I can get to a source of fresh air, or if I can get a filter mask on quick enough. The effects can sometimes last several days if the exposure is intense enough.

PLEASE act on behalf of the millions of people who have suffered physical illness and injury resulting from fragrance exposure at work, at school, and in social settings. It is a

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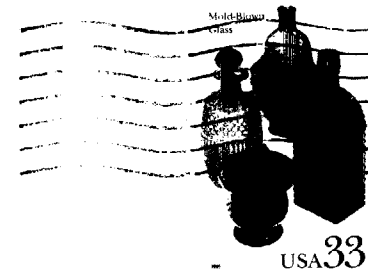
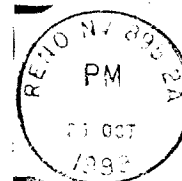
particular hardship for me to have to limit my participation in religious services due to exposures at church. These toxic chemicals act as powerful barriers to people disabled by asthma and chemical sensitivities. Because of this, toxic chemicals in fragrances have already ruined countless lives. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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